The Contra Costa County Employment & Human Services (EHSD) Volunteer & Emergency Services, in partnership with San Francisco Chronicle’s Season of Sharing (SOS) Program, provides emergency relief for families and individuals adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Payments will cover applicants who face a sudden crisis or shortfall due to job or wage loss resulting from COVID-19. All cases are subject to review including any required documentation to meet the criteria for eligibility. Funds are available on a first-come, first served basis.

Who is eligible to apply?

• Families with children under age 18.
• Permanent or temporarily disabled individuals.
• Older adults over age 55 years old.
• Veterans
• Foster youth or Transition Age Youth (19-24 years old)
• Victims of domestic violence

Eligibility criteria

• Proof of crisis: provide supporting documentation as to your emergency situation.
• Proof of residency: currently living within the 9 SOS supported Bay Area counties: Contra Costa, Alameda, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, & Sonoma.
• Must not have received a prior SOS grant from those counties within past five years.

Types of assistance

• Rental or Mortgage Payments
• Deposits and other housing expenses (e.g. water and garbage)
• Furniture
• Transportation (e.g. emergency car repair paid as rental assistance)
• Medical equipment (not covered by medical insurance)

Contact

For more information or to apply for Season of Sharing, please contact the SOS hotline at (925) 521-5065.

For questions, contact Cindy Smith, VES Program Coordinator, at (925) 521-5062 or csmith@ehsd. cccounty.us; or Alvaro Florez, SOS Coordinator at (925) 521-5063 or aflorez@ehsd.cccounty.us. Visit Contra Costa County EHSD, VES for more details.